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While on a visit to the big State Fair of Texas at Dallas, the writer was much impressed with the magnificence and diversity of the exhibits, both of live stock and of agricultural products. Every evidence to substantiate the assertion that scientific farming pays was in sight—and there were people there to tell just how it was done—and they could also tell you that their results were not obtained by haphazard methods, and that they were not obtained at a loss caused by the cost of fertilizers or up to date farming appliances. Some of the men responsible for these exhibits of latter day methods are old-time "bore" the wall" tillers of the soil, who for many years raised razor-back hogs and thought of no other crop but cotton and a truck patch. One old man to whom we talked, and who had some of the finest hogs, Jersey cattle and corn at the fair, said that he had indeed become convinced against his will—he just naturally hated to give in. The success of the younger men in his immediate neighborhood was the means of making him take notice, and when he saw some of these poorer farmers raising better crops on poorer land and with poorer facilities, the old man got mad, by gosh, and set out to show the young and rising generation that it didn't have a thing on the old man. If he just took a notion. Well, he took the notion, and his hobby now is scientific farming and stock raising. He won't even have a mongrel dog on the farm. He is a lover of hounds, but he has good ones—everyone a thoroughbred; not a dunghill chicken; not a cow without a pedigree; not a hog but with the best blood; not a sorry horse or mule; and, finally, not a seed goes in the ground but that it has been selected and graded. He said that he used to be disgusted with government farm agents and all others who presumed to tell him how to farm; now he is an enthusiast over the good work the Department of Agriculture is doing for the farmer who has sense enough to want to be helped to better his condition. And, by the way, he has only been converted to this way of thinking for six years—and he is now seventy-one years of age. He was "not in his ways," and he is still "not in them," but he has changed his ways.

And the thought was borne in on me—as we viewed the many farmers standing over these exhibits of others of their profession—how many of them were profiting by the evidence of brainwork of their fellows? It's a safe assertion to make, that the larger portion of the farmers who saw these evidences of advanced agriculture, went home and so far forgot their lesson that they are right now preparing to go on in the same old rut for the next season. They are verily "not in their ways."

A professor of the University of Chicago has evolved a series of test questions for the educated which, he avows, are the best evidences of real education. If you can answer "yes" to all the questions you are truly educated, the professor says. Here are the questions:

Has education given you sympathy with all the good causes and made you espouse them?

Has it made you public spirited?

Has it made you a brother to the weak?

Have you learned how to make friends and keep them?

Do you know what it is to be a friend yourself?

Can you look an honest man or a pure woman in the eye?

Do you see anything to love in a little child?

Will a lonely dog follow you in the street?

Can you be high-minded and happy in the meanest drudgeries in life?

Do you think that washing dishes and hoeing corn are just as compatible with high thinking as piano playing or golf?

Are you good for anything yourself?

Can you be happy alone?

Can you look out on the world and see anything but dollars and cents?

Can you look into a mud puddle by the wayside and see a clear sky?

Can you see anything in the puddle but mud?

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the officers for available volunteers. Others go even farther in recommending an army twice as large as the present one, the addition of a large aerial division, and the institution of compulsory military service. What would happen to America, they point out, is vividly shown in the film, "The Battle Cry of Peace," by the bombardment of New York, the failure of our so-called coast defenses, and the utter inability of our army to cope with the invader.

NARROW ESCAPE IN WRECKED AUTO

Cecil Bilbo, C. P. Abbott, J. D. Abbott, Carl Abbott and Hord Abbott had a narrow escape from serious injury Sunday afternoon when an automobile in which they were riding at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour went into the ditch, badly smashing the car. Probably the only thing that saved the occupants of the car was the fact that the turn-over occurred against a steep sand bank, which prevented the car from turning completely over. The bunch was returning from Dallas, and when a few miles this side of Red River decided to pass C. O. Johnson, also coming this way. C. O. didn't think so, and put the juice to "Old John," and the race was on. Bilbo was driving the little Abbott Maxwell, and had been accustomed to a car with a foot throttle, and consequently the hand-throttled Maxwell was a bit new to him. They approached a bad turn, going at a terrific speed, when Cecil saw that somebody had to stop, and he tried to stop the Maxwell. He slapped on the brakes, but overlooked the hand throttle, and the result was that the engine kept pulling with the brakes on, and the result was that the car was whirled about, crushing the front wheel and precipitating the car and occupants into the ditch.

USE "CASCARETS" FOR LIVER AND BOWELS WHEN CONSTIPATED

When Bilious, Headachy, Sick, For Sour Stomach, Bad Breath, Bad Colds.

Get a 10-cent box.

Take a Cascaret tonight to cleanse your Liver, Stomach and Bowels, and you will surely feel great by morning. You men and women who have headache, coated tongue, a bad cold, are bilious, nervous, upset, bothered with a sick, gassy disordered stomach, or have headache and feel all worn out. Are you keeping your bowels clean with Cascarets, or merely forcing a passageway every few days with salts, cathartic pills or castor oil?

Cascarets immediately cleanse and regulate the stomach, remove the sour, undigested and fermenting food and foul gases; take the excess bile from the liver and carry off the constipated waste matter and poison from the bowels.

Remember, a Cascaret tonight will straighten you out by morning. A 10-cent box from your druggist means healthy bowel action; a clear head and cheerfulness for months. Don't forget the children.

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O. P. C. FACULTY RECITAL

Members of the faculty of the Oklahoma Presbyterian College for Girls gave a musical recital at the Presbyterian Church Monday night for the benefit of the building fund of the church. No admission was charged, but a silver offering was taken, which resulted in a liberal collection. The main auditorium of the church was filled and a delightful program was rendered, participated in by the following: Misses Irene Beck, Mary E. Jordan, Rebecca Addison, Elizabeth Jordan, and Mrs. Alice B. Kinsey.

OFFICER VINDICATED

FOR SHOOTING BOY

James Finney, constable of Oklahoma, who several weeks ago, in an alleged attempt to quiet a bunch of boys making a disturbance at a religious service, fired his pistol, striking one boy in the leg, was acquitted by a jury, after hearing the testimony against him Tuesday.

PEPPER BOX WELL SHAKEN

(Clifford E. Davis in Farm Journal)

A few nails behind the stove on which to hang pokers and shovels save many a step after them.

Never joke with a bull dog or a curly man—they're akin.

"Tell it to the neighbors"—if you want to get in trouble.

In all things, and at all times, obey God. He doesn't help the disobedient.

Get out the storm blanket for horse, or get a new one. You need it in a hurry.

The cross bull should be kept in a strong lot of his own, and not trusted for a single moment.

He who can wrest a crop from stony, barren ground and bring it to fertility, is a far better farmer than he who owns the rich bottom lands.

If the cost of the war was spent on enriching the agriculture of each of the countries now at loggerheads, instead of in cannon and for coffins, how much better.

Feeding a horse ground or grain feed while too tired or hot from driving, is positively dangerous. Let him nibble some hay for half an hour or so first.

Get out of debt and stay out; and the easiest way is to cut expenses by doing without the things you don't actually need—and one of them comes in a bottle.

How would you like to work hard all your life and never have a nickel to fool away as you please? Well, then, divide up with your wife and your children; and don't ask what they did with the money.

Apparent disadvantages can often be turned to account. A farmer near Oldenburg, Illinois, is reported as making good sums by pulling stalled automobiles out of a long stretch of soft road, at \$1 per haul, making \$40 one holiday.

Recently I counted three plows, a spring-tooth harrow, a hay rake, a clodder, and a stone boat, all under one tree in a farmer's field, where they will sit until next year. Yet he claims that he can't afford to subscribe for a farm journal or the paper of his own county.

Don't you know that the big coal-fies that produce warbles get knocked off when the cow runs through the low bushes in the pasture field? Then don't clean out all the bushes in your pasture to make it look slick; but on this account let some grow.

It is not too soon to begin to plan for another year. Figure well what you should plant, and why. Don't go it blind and find that you have planted the wrong crops. If other people are planning to have bigger crops, plan to have not bigger, but better.

From being "only a farmer," the pastoralist has risen to a place of respect, and his work has taken its place on the list as a profession, and a leading one at that. The people (of either sex) who are ashamed of a farmer in their parades, are sons of very insignificant value.

There should be more respect among farmers. On one farm vegetables and fruits waste in abundance, and on an adjoining farm the family would be glad of a basketful. Neither the old farmer, when neighborly gifts and favors were passed back and forth, than those all-for-one days.

Don't grow about hard times, although what with cloud-bursts, insects, etc., the writer has had a hard year. Consider how much worse off you would be if you didn't have what you've already got. Even the poorest

A VISIT

To the various departments of this store will convince you that we have spared no pains to provide a great variety in our stock. Women's Wear, Men's Wear, Children's Outfits, and Household Goods of every description at bargain day prices.

LADIES' SUITS AND COATS

Our Suit and Coat Department is brim full of all the new things. The prices to suit all.
Coats from \$2.75 to \$15.00
Coat Suits from \$3.50 to \$22.50
We have Children's Coats ran. tag from \$1.00 to \$5.50

MEN'S CLOTHING

We are overstocked with Men's Clothing and are going to give extra good values. Our range of patterns can't be beat, and they are of the very latest style.
Good All Wool Suits \$7.50 to \$16.50

SHOES

Our stock of Shoes is more complete than ever. Shoes for the whole family.
Hamilton Brown School Shoes for Girls and Boys, all prices from 75c to \$2.50
Men's Shoes in all styles from \$1.50 to \$4.50
Ladies' and Misses' Shoes, in lace and button, low and French heels, from \$1.50 to \$4.00

BOYS' CLOTHING

School Suits to suit all the boys. All wool suits from \$1.75 to \$6.50

J. C. HADEN & SONS

Main Street Durant, Okla.

man has an appetite, if nothing more. And if he will work, he can eat, even if only hominy.

Perhaps the man out West who was caught by both arms in his own bear trap, and fought death by thirst, starvation and wild animals for several days before he finally died in the trap, knew how it felt to any animal caught in a cruel contrivance. The pity of it is that he did not survive to war against all further trapping.

When you find a stranger prowling about another man's farm, or laden with his property, either warn the owner at once, or be a good citizen and halt the marauder right there.

JONES BROS. WORLD TOURED SHOWS

Big Three Ring Animal Circus.

Durant, Saturday, Nov. 13. Special trains of steel cars will be necessary to carry the Jones Bros. Circus this year, as the show is larger and greater than ever, with nothing old, but everything new. The slogan of this mammoth organization is, "Up-to-date, and ahead of that."

The Jones Bros. are the most progressive, wide-awake men in the circus business; nothing escapes their eagle eyes; their name stands for everything that is clean, wholesome, meritorious, glorious and unblemished. Merit and magnitude always considered, suggestiveness and vulgarity relegated—the comfort of women and children their first duty.

Eleven hundred persons are carried by the show, also five hundred horses, droves of camels, herds of elephants, twenty-five tons of cages of man-eating lions, bengal tigers, leopards, grizzly bears, hippopotamuses, antelopes, monkeys, horned horses, jaguars, including the Jones Bros. fourteen trained lions, with "Herc," the famous horseback riding lion. No circus in the world has a finer traveling Zoo than owned by the Jones Bros.; the greatest performing savage wild beasts, the wonder and admiration of the 20th century.

The monster street parade is the talk of every town; it is unsurpassable in wealth and gorgeous glitter, lures, trappings, costly velvet costumes, sleek and shining Arabian horses, finest Shetland ponies, dog-

A. J. Thomas of Mead was among the business visitors from that section in the city Wednesday.

CONDENSED OFFICIAL STATEMENT

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Durant, Oklahoma

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$519,393.78
Overdrafts	2,978.88
United States Bonds	130,080.00
Stocks, Bonds and Warrants	32,561.69
Banking Premises	12,356.95
Other Real Estate	6,988.12
Cash and Exchange	127,150.32
	\$831,429.84

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Profits	50,716.28
Circulation	98,000.00
Bills Payable	75,000.00
Rediscounts	34,446.99
Deposits	473,266.57
	\$831,429.84

The above statement is correct.
R. D. NEESE, Cashier.

Fall is for the farmer at the California Expositions

Pedigreed live stock will be on display in the Displays of and orchard products are worthy of your special attention.

These exhibits appeal to the man on the farm, and the man who would like to be there. California brings city and country together.

"Santa Fe all the way" this fall to "two fairs for one fare."
San Francisco Expo. ends December 4.
San Diego Expo. ends December 31.
Expo. tickets off sale after Nov. 30.
Four daily transcontinental trains on the Santa Fe, including California Limited.

Ask for booklets about the fair in the big hotel, "Grand Canyon Outings" and "California Outings."
GLENN EDDIE, Passenger Agt.
Topeka, Kansas.